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LETTER DATED 27 OCTOBER 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of continued violations of the ceasefire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side between 23 June and 4 October 1999, as shown in the list annexed hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Iranian violations of the ceasefire and the 1991 Tehran agreement, 23 June-4 October 1999

1. 23 June 1999

At 1600 hours the Iranian side abducted Private Sa'd Abd al-Wahid Hashim and Private Zaki Husayn Radi in the Jallat area, which is inside Iraqi territory, and took them to an unknown destination. They were released two hours later.

2. 21 July 1999

At 1200 hours the Iranian side abducted Private Ahmad Latif Hamid in the Fakkah area, which is inside Iraqi territory, and took him to an unknown destination. Eighteen days later he was released, taken to the Jallat post and deposited in a nearby wadi.

3. 23/24 July 1999

Mr. Ahmad Yasin Abbud, owner of boat No. 324/Basrah, and other boat owners were attacked by an Iranian patrol while fishing at Ra's al-Bishah on the Iraqi side. Their passbooks were torn up, and their fishing nets were cut to pieces.

4. 27 July 1999

At 0900 hours a helicopter was seen coming from inside Iranian territory and flying at an altitude of 20 metres over Hawr al-Murays. It carried out a reconnaissance of our units and then returned to the Iranian rear.

5. 4 August 1999

At 0930 hours the Iranian side proceeded to erect four pillars at each of the positions located at coordinates 375590, 320570, 342581 and 353590 (1:100,000 map of Saybah).

6. 8 August 1999

At 0900 hours the Iranian side proceeded to construct a new position at coordinates 1100 (1:100,000 map of Tahiri). A dirt road was built connecting the position with the Iranian rear and it was enclosed by an earth embankment. Five or six persons, armed military personnel, were working on it.

7. 8 August 1999

At 1000 hours the Iranian side proceeded to construct a new reed-built position on its boundary embankment at coordinates 9276 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). Eleven soldiers were working on it.

8. 10 August 1999

The Iranian side proceeded to erect four pillars at each of the positions located at coordinates 4353 and 436521 (opposite the Ziyadiyah area), 442513 (opposite the Duwayr river), and 426548 and 422541 (opposite the Wasiliyah area) (1:100,000 map of Saybah).

9. 14 August 1999

At 1700 hours four Iraqi civilians - metalworkers and carpenters - were at work near the Sumud post in Mandali when two of them were abducted by Iranian soldiers. The two abducted were Shakir Kamil Mut'ib Kaliz al-Nadawi and Kamil Ibrahim Mur'ib al-Nadawi. The body of the last-named victim was found near the Sumud post in Mandali.

10. 14 August 1999

At 1130 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen coming from inside Iranian territory and landing in the area opposite the Shihabi post, which is called Qal'at Bandar Shah, at coordinates 3645 (1:100,000 map of Shaykh Sa'd). A number of persons in military attire alighted from it. The helicopter subsequently returned with the military personnel on board to the Iranian rear.

11. 17 August 1999

At 1600 hours the Iranian side proceeded to erect four pillars at each of the positions located at coordinates 453498 and 465485 (opposite the Duwayb area), 482465 and 496452 (opposite Kut al-Khalifah), 518413 (opposite Hawz Mu'adiyah), and 508387 and 501378 (opposite the Bihar area) (1:100,000 map of Saybah).

12. 20 August 1999

The Iranian side established a new position 500 metres from the Sumud post at coordinates 4952 (1:100,000 map of Mandali). There are 10 to 15 military personnel at the position.

13. 23 August 1999

An Iranian engineering unit belonging to the Iranian Rayy Company installed steel piles in the Shatt al-Arab in the area between the Ma'amir region and Faw at coordinates 513313, 545265 and 549214 (1:100,000 map of Saybah), coordinates 357223 (1:100,000 map of Faw) and coordinates 603173 (1:100,000 map of Mina' al-Bakr). The unit consisted of a large pontoon, towed by two boats, with a hoist and a generator on board and 12 workers. It was accompanied by a red patrol boat with four passengers on board.

14. 25 August 1999

At 1200 hours a khaki-coloured combat helicopter was seen coming from the Bistin direction, flying at an altitude of 50 metres along the border strip

inside Iranian territory and heading towards the Rashid post at coordinates 6434 (1:100,000 map of Hawr al-Hawizah).

15. 31 August 1999

The Iranian side installed steel piles in the Shatt al-Arab opposite the Faw area and Ra's al-Bishah at coordinates 620165, 635162, 648156, 662154, 670152 and 674149 (1:100,000 map of Mina' al-Bakr).

16. 1 September 1999

At 1000 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen coming from Muhammarah at coordinates 9774 (1:100,000 map of Saybah), flying parallel to the boundary 1 kilometre inside Iranian territory and heading north. At 1020 hours it returned to the Iranian rear.

17. 13 September 1999

At 0200 hours the Iranian side installed four steel piles arranged in a square and coming together at the top to form a pyramid 10 metres above ground level and 20 metres from the Iranian shore at coordinates 370216 (1:100,000 map of Faw).

18. 13 September 1999

At 0800 hours the Iranian side spread earth along the shore using two front end loaders, five tipper trucks and a pick-up at coordinates 518415 (1:100,000 map of Saybah)

19. 14 September 1999

At 1130 hours the Iranian side proceeded to build a new prefabricated concrete monitoring post surrounded by an earth embankment and manned by five armed military personnel in front of our units at coordinates 9199. They then raised the Iranian flag over it.

20. 16 September 1999

At 1630 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen coming from Iran's Fakkah area to its Shayb post. It landed at the post and four persons alighted from it to meet with six other persons. Ten minutes later the helicopter left in the direction of Bistin in Iran.

21. 23 September 1999

At 1200 hours a khaki-coloured helicopter was seen coming from inside Iranian territory and landing at coordinates 793 (1:100,000 map of Tib). Thirty minutes later it returned to the Iranian rear.

22. 24 September 1999

At 1400 hours a khaki-coloured helicopter was seen coming from inside Iranian territory. It was flying at an altitude of 400 metres and stayed at coordinates 393 (1:100,000 map of Tib) for 30 minutes before returning to the Iranian rear.

23. 27 September 1999

At 1300 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen on a flight path from coordinates 5539 to coordinates 5946 inside Iranian territory at a distance of 3 kilometres from our units. It then returned to the Iranian rear.

24. 27 September 1999

At 1300 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen on a flight path from coordinates 6139 to coordinates 6146 inside Iranian territory at a distance of 3 kilometres from our units. It then returned to the Iranian rear.

25. 28 September 1999

While the floating crane Sanam was engaged in its assigned tasks in the Basman area in the Shatt al-Arab between 24 and 30 August 1999 it came under fire from the eastern bank of the river. One of the rounds fired hit a vessel aground in the same area.

26. 29 September 1999

At 1210 hours a helicopter was seen coming from inside Iranian territory and landing near the Iranian Shayb post at coordinates 7221 (1:100,000 map of Shayb). Four persons alighted from it, one of them in civilian attire, and they held a meeting with the post personnel for about half an hour. The helicopter then took off for the Iranian rear, flying at an altitude of 25 metres.

27. 1 October 1999

At 2100 hours the Iranian side fired an 81-mm mortar bomb that impacted in the northern Majnun oilfield.

28. 2/3 October 1999

An Iranian engineering unit affixed sheets of plate metal to the piles previously installed in the area between Muhammarah and Abadan to form an observation post.

29. 3 October 1999

An Iranian engineering unit installed small pillars around the main piles arranged in a square in the middle of the area between Muhammarah and Abadan. The unit consisted of nine persons in civilian attire with equipment for welding the pillars.

30. 4 October 1999

At 1430 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen flying over the border strip in front of the Rumaythah post at coordinates 1046. It then returned to the Iranian rear.

31. 4 October 1999

At 1500 hours another Iranian helicopter was seen in the area opposite the Darraji post at coordinates 10173 coming from the Mehran region. At 1510 hours it returned to the Iranian rear.